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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Nonaka TOMOYUKI et al
Application No.: 09/425,302
Filed: October 25, 1999
For: ELECTRONIC PURSE LOAN SYSTEM
Group: 2164
Examiner: Geoffrey Akers

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 24, 2002

Sir:

Applicants respectfully direct, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, that the following specified amendments be made to the above-identified application and submit the following remarks in response to the Office Action dated December 26, 2002.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims ~~10, 23~~ and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer; amend claims 19-22, 24, 26-31 and 36, and add new claims 39-45, as follows:

19. (Amended) An electronic purse loan device according to claim 20, wherein said processor checks whether or not said IC card is registered.

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